#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY



Internal Revenue Service TE/GE EO Examinations 1100 Commerce Street Dallas, TX 75242

# TAX EXEMPT AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES DIVISION

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LEGEND

ORG = Organization name

UIL: 501.03-01

ORG

**ADDRESS** 

XX = Date

Address = address

Person to Contact: Identification Number:

Contact Telephone Number:

In Reply Refer to: TE/GE Review Staff

EIN:

LAST DATE FOR FILING A PETITION WITH THE TAX COURT: September 4, 20XX

#### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear

This is a Final Adverse Determination Letter as to your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the code is hereby revoked effective January 1, 20XX. Our adverse determination was made for the following reasons:

Organizations described in I.R.C. section 501(c)(3) and exempt under section 501(a) must be organized and operated exclusively for an exempt purpose. Your organization did not engage in any charitable activities. Your organization is not a charitable organization within the meaning of Treasury Regulations section 1.501(c)(3)-1(d). You have not established that you have operated exclusively for an exempt purpose.

You failed to meet the requirements of IRC section 501(c) (3) and Treas. Reg. section 1.501 (c) (3) -1(d) in that you failed to establish that you were operated exclusively for an exempt purpose.

Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. You are required to file Federal income tax returns on Form 1120. These returns should be filed with the appropriate Service Center for the year ending December 31, 20XX, and for all years thereafter.

Processing of income tax returns and assessment of any taxes due will not be delayed should a petition for declaratory judgment be filed under section 7428 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you decide to contest this determination in court, you must initiate a suit for declaratory judgment in the United States Tax Court, the United States Claim Court or the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia before the 91<sup>st</sup> day after the date this determination was mailed to you. Contact the clerk of the appropriate court for the rules for initiating suits for declaratory judgment.

You also have the right to contact the office of the Taxpayer Advocate. However, you should first contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above since this person can access your tax information and can help you get answers. You can call 1-877-777-4778 and ask for Taxpayer Advocate assistance. Or you can contact the Taxpayer Advocate from the site where the tax deficiency was determined by calling: Or you can contact the Taxpayer Advocate nearest you by calling or writing to: Internal Revenue Service.

Taxpayer Advocate assistance cannot be used as a substitute for established IRS procedures, formal appeals processes, etc. The Taxpayer Advocate is not able to reverse legal or technically correct tax determinations, nor extend the time fixed by law that you have to file a petition in the United States Tax Court. The Taxpayer Advocate can, however, see that a tax matter that may not have been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling.

We will notify the appropriate State Officials of this action, as required by section 6104(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Marsha A. Ramirez Director, EO Examinations

# TAX EXEMPT AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

DIVISION

#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

Internal Revenue Service

July 10, 2007

**Taxpayer Identification Number:** 

ORG ADDRESS

Form:

Tax Year(s) Ended:

Person to Contact/ID Number:

Contact Numbers: Telephone:

Fax:

Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested

Dear

We have enclosed a copy of our report of examination explaining why we believe revocation of your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) is necessary.

If you accept our findings, take no further action. We will issue a final revocation letter.

If you do not agree with our proposed revocation, you must submit to us a written request for Appeals Office consideration within 30 days from the date of this letter to protest our decision. Your protest should include a statement of the facts, the applicable law, and arguments in support of your position.

An Appeals officer will review your case. The Appeals office is independent of the Director, EO Examinations. The Appeals Office resolves most disputes informally and promptly. The enclosed Publication 3498, *The Examination Process*, and Publication 892, *Exempt Organizations Appeal Procedures for Unagreed Issues*, explain how to appeal an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) decision. Publication 3498 also includes information on your rights as a taxpayer and the IRS collection process.

You may also request that we refer this matter for technical advice as explained in Publication 892. If we issue a determination letter to you based on technical advice, no further administrative appeal is available to you within the IRS regarding the issue that was the subject of the technical advice.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will process your case based on the recommendations shown in the report of examination. If you do not protest this proposed determination within 30 days from the date of this letter, the IRS will consider it to be a failure to exhaust your available administrative remedies. Section 7428(b)(2) of the Code provides, in part: "A declaratory judgment or decree under this section shall not be issued in any proceeding unless the Tax Court, the Claims Court, or the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia determines that the organization involved has exhausted its administrative remedies within the Internal Revenue Service." We will then issue a final revocation letter. We will also notify the appropriate state officials of the revocation in accordance with section 6104(c) of the Code.

You have the right to contact the office of the Taxpayer Advocate. Taxpayer Advocate assistance is not a substitute for established IRS procedures, such as the formal appeals process. The Taxpayer Advocate cannot reverse a legally correct tax determination, or extend the time fixed by law that you have to file a petition in a United States court. The Taxpayer Advocate can, however, see that a tax matter that may not have been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling. You may call toll-free 1-877-777-4778 and ask for Taxpayer Advocate Assistance. If you prefer, you may contact your local Taxpayer Advocate at:

If you have any questions, please call the contact person at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter. If you write, please provide a telephone number and the most convenient time to call if we need to contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Marsha Ramirez
Director, EO Examinations

Enclosures:
Publication 892
Publication 3498
Report of Examination

Form <b>886A</b>	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service  Explanation of Items	Schedule No. or Exhibit
Name of Taxpayer ORG		Year/Period Ended
		December 31, 20XX

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#### **ISSUE**

Whether ORG continues to qualify for exemption as an organization described within Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) due to inactivity for several years including the year of examination.

#### **FACTS**

This organization is presently recognized as a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and established as a nonprofit corporation on December 20XX. According to its articles of organization, the primary purpose of the organization is to conduct scientific researches and to educate the public about the environment.

As a result of our examination of your activities and financial records for the year ending December 31, 20XX it was determined that your organization has been inactive for several years and that there have been no operations or financial activities conducted. The organization has never opened a bank account. As such, ORG, fails to meet the operational requirements for continued exemption under IRC 501(c) (3)...

### LAW

Section 501(c)(3) of the Code exempts from federal income tax organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and other exempt purposes, provided that no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(a)(1) of the regulations provides that in order to be exempt as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, the organization must be one that is both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in that section.

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(1) of the regulations provides that an organization will be regarded as "operated exclusively" for one or more exempt purposes only if it engages primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of such exempt purposes specified in section 501(c)(3).

Rev. Rul. 59-95, 1959-1 C.B. 627, provides that the failure of an organization to provide requested information about its financial status and operations may result in revocation of its exempt status on the grounds that the organization has not established that it is observing the conditions required for the continuation of exempt status.

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# **TAXPAYER'S POSITION**

The taxpayer declared that the organization has no operational activities during the exam process. No financial records existed and never opened bank account for the organization due to lack of funds and donations.

# **GOVERNMENT'S POSITION**

Based on the facts of the examination, the organization does not qualify for exemption since it is no longer conducting any activities.

# **CONCLUSION**

The organization does not qualify for exemption under section 501(c)(3) and its tax exempt status should be revoked effective January 1, 20XX. Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.